

# NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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NFPA 101, 2000 ed.

**Section(s):** 11.5.3.1, 18, 19.7.8

**Comments:**

Applies to health care occupancies such as hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities classified as limited care facilities. Does not apply to assisted living facilities classified as residential board and care occupancies, or to any other occupancy type.

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**Question:** Are small electric appliances such as plug-in air fresheners and candle warmers acceptable in health care occupancies?

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**Response:** Electric heat-producing appliances can be a fire hazard when left unattended, or when not used properly. Such appliances are limited in use as specified below.

Electric heat-producing appliance such as plug-in air fresheners, candle and coffee mug warmers are permitted for use only in nonsleeping staff and employee areas. Such devices are prohibited in corridors, spaces open to corridors and patient rooms.

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